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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT
AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant(s): Yoshiharu MATAHIRI et al.

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For : ANTIFATIGUE COMPOSITION

Art Unit : 1616

Examiner :

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

S I R :

Please amend the application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS:

A1 *sub 31*
1. (Amended) An antifatigue composition which comprises an antifatigue effective amount of an imidazole compound as an active ingredient in combination with an excipient.

Please add the following claims:

A2
8. (New) The method according to Claim 7, wherein the imidazole compound is at least one compound selected from the group consisting of histidine, anserine, carnosine, valenine and salts thereof.

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